

Course Title	Independent Study for Study Abroad	Instructor(s)	Iain Stanley
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Class Style	Lecture	Office Hours	Mon/Tue 16:20 - 17:15
Track		Mode of Instruction	Single
Credits	2	Allocated Year	2
Active Learning	1-3 Summary/Paraphrase 1-6 Response/reaction writing 4-1 Interactive lectures 4-11 Oral peer review of written work	Compulsory or Elective	
Course Overview	Study of the local culture, social issues, or other aspects of the area in which students are located for Study Abroad. Students may conduct formal research or produce a work which reports on their extensive direct experience of the topic being studied.		
Course Objectives	<p>In this course, the student conducts independent research guided by the course instructor. The goal is to plan and write a final paper that draws on and cites the research conducted by the student during the semester. To reach this goal, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss potential research topics with the course instructor. • Formulate a research question with guidance from and approval of the course instructor. • Write a 3750-word paper • Enhance your research and citation skills. <p>In addition, the student should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose a research topic that is interesting to the student and has academic merit (as determined through consultation with the course instructor). • Expect guidance from the course instructor about selected research sources. • Consult the course instructor to write a paper that adheres to the standards of academic English. • Report progress to the course instructor and seek advice. • Complete any revisions required by the course instructor before the final deadline. 		
Prerequisite			
Course Schedule	No	Contents	Homework
	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation of Course and Syllabus 	Prepare to discuss your topic
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a research paper? How does it differ from a regular 5-paragraph paper? What are the steps in research? What are some example topics appropriate for the essay in this course? 	Revise topic based on peer review
	3	<p>How to research?</p> <p>Research methods – quantitative vs qualitative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to acquire knowledge? 	Search for readings, prepare re-search question
	4	<p>Research questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulating research questions and writing a thesis statement. 	Revise research question based on peer review
	5	<p>Plagiarism – what it is, how to avoid it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paraphrasing 	Paraphrase practice
	6	How to write an annotated bibliography?	Prepare annotated bibliography

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citation and citation methods. 	
	7	<p>Preparation of research and writing plans Students prepare a list of areas/topics of academic interest and discusses it with the instructor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group discussion: Students will explain the reason for the topics chosen 	Prepare writing plan
	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Writing 	Continue with project
	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Writing 	Continue with project
	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Writing 	Continue with project
	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Writing 	Continue with project
	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Writing 	Continue with project
	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Writing 	Continue with project
	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Writing 	Continue with project
	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Writing 	Finish Project
Grading		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation and discussion participation: 25% • Homework Assignments: 25% • Midterm and Final assessment (Research Paper): 50% 	
Textbooks		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Students must bring reading and content related to their chosen topic <input type="checkbox"/> A personal computer or tablet computer is necessary for assignment submission. In addition, most work done in class will be on a computer, so make sure to bring your own. <input type="checkbox"/> There is no textbook for this course. Handouts will be provided when necessary. 	
References			
NOTES		<p>Plagiarism and Intellectual Honesty Plagiarism is representing someone else's intellectual property, words, ideas, or images, as your own. It is a very serious academic offense and plagiarized work is not accepted in this course. Ask one of the instructors if you have any questions about this. You are responsible for understanding what plagiarism is and knowing how to avoid it in your work. Use of Artificial Intelligence without permission is also intellectual dishonesty.</p>	